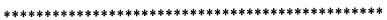
BEFORE THE TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING



REINSTATEMENT

Registered Nurse License Number 773951

In the Matter of

§ § AGREED ORDER issued to AMANDA RUTH BULLARD

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement of Registered Nurse License Number 773951, held by AMANDA RUTH BULLARD, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner.

On this day the Texas Board of Nursing, hereinafter referred to as the Board, considered the Petition for Reinstatement of Registered Nurse License Number 773951, held by AMANDA RUTH BULLARD, hereinafter referred to as Petitioner. Petitioner waived notice and hearing and agree to the entry of this Order approved by Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN, Executive Director, on October 6, 2017.

FINDINGS OF FACT

- Prior to the institution of Agency proceedings, notice of the matters specified below in these 1. Findings of Fact was served on Petitioner and Petitioner was given an opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license(s).
- Petitioner waived notice and hearing, and agreed to the entry of this Order. 2.
- Petitioner received a Baccalaureate Degree in Nursing from Prairie View A&M College, 3. Houston, Texas, on May 11, 2009. Petitioner was licensed to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas on August 6, 2009.
- Petitioner's nursing employment history includes: 4.

2009-2012

Staff RN

M.D. Anderson Cancer Center Houston, Texas

J1-RN



Petitioner's employment history continued:

2010-2012	Staff RN	Epic Med Staff Houston, Texas
2012-2015	RN	Parallon Management Solutions Houston Texas

- 5. On or about September 8, 2015, Petitioner's license to practice nursing was revoked through an Order of the Board. A copy of the Order dated September 8, 2015, is attached and incorporated, by reference, as part of this Order.
- 6. On or about September 12, 2017, Petitioner submitted a Petition for Reinstatement of License to practice professional nursing in the State of Texas.
- 7. Petitioner presented the following in support of said petition:
 - 7.1. Copies of the Judgment of Conviction by Court and Order Affecting Community Supervision, showing that on or about March 26, 2015, Petitioner was discharged from community supervision.
 - 7.2. Copies of the Order of Dismissal entered in the Municipal Court of Houston Texas, under Cause No. M70437662-01 NT 2016, showing Petitioner's case was dismissed May 30, 2017.
 - 7.3. Letter of recommendation dated August 30, 2017 from Guillaume Rasolo, stating Petitioner has been working for him as a customer service representative since 2016. Petitioner is professional and an asset to the company.
 - 7.4. Letter of recommendation dated September 1, 2017 from Karma Johnson, RN, stating she worked with Petitioner for three (3) years. Petitioner was compassionate and took time to talk with patients. Ms. Johnson states she has not encountered any time working with Petitioner that she felt she was under the influence of anything.
 - 7.5. Letter of recommendation dated August 23, 2017 from David Ihidero, RN, stating he has worked with Petitioner in the past and he knows she is a competent and professional nurse with great customer service. Petitioner is very energetic and self-driven. She is an experienced, skillful nurse and Mr. Ihidero is very impressed with Petitioner's nursing skills and practice.
 - 7.6. Documentation of the required continuing education contact hours.

- 8. The Executive Director considered evidence of Petitioner's past behavior in light of the character factors set out in 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27 and determined that Petitioner currently demonstrates the criteria required for good professional character and relicensure.
- 9. Relicensure of Petitioner poses no direct threat to the health and safety of patients or the public provided Petitioner complies with the stipulations outlined in this Order.
- 10. The Executive Director's review of Petitioner's eligibility for relicensure has been made on the basis of Petitioner's disclosures.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

- 1. Pursuant to Texas Occupations Code, Sections 301.451-301.555, the Board has jurisdiction over this matter.
- 2. Pursuant to Section 301.467, Texas Occupations Code, the Board may refuse to issue or renew a license, and may set a reasonable period that must lapse before reapplication. Pursuant to 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §213.26, the Board may impose reasonable conditions that a Petitioner must satisfy before reissuance of an unrestricted license.
- 3. The Board may license an individual with prior behaviors inconsistent with the Board's character requirements if, upon evaluation of the factors in 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.27, and pursuant to 22 Tex. Admin. Code §213.33, the Board is satisfied that the individual is able to consistently conform her conduct to the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, the Board's Rules and Regulations, and generally accepted standards of nursing practice.
- 4. This Order is conditioned upon the accuracy and completeness of Petitioner's disclosures.

 Any subsequently discovered discrepancies will result in investigation and possible disciplinary action, up to revocation of Petitioner's license(s).

TERMS OF ORDER

I. REINSTATEMENT OF LICENSURE

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IT IS THEREFORE AGREED and ORDERED, subject to ratification by the Texas Board of Nursing, that the petition of AMANDA RUTH BULLARD for reinstatement of license to practice nursing in the state of Texas be **GRANTED** and Registered Nurse License Number 773951 is hereby **REINSTATED** in accordance with the terms of this Order.

II. COMPLIANCE WITH LAW AND APPLICABILITY

While under the terms of this Order, PETITIONER agrees to obtain, read, and comply in all respects with the Nursing Practice Act, Texas Occupations Code, §§301.001 et seq., the Rules and Regulations Relating to Nurse Education, Licensure and Practice, 22 TEX. ADMIN. CODE §§211.1 et seq., and this Order.

- A. PETITIONER SHALL pay all re-registration fees, if applicable, and PETITIONER'S licensure status in the State of Texas will be updated to reflect the applicable conditions outlined herein.
- B. This Order SHALL be applicable to PETITIONER's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.
- As a result of this Order, PETITIONER'S license(s) will be designated "single state" and PETITIONER may not work outside the State of Texas in another nurse licensure compact party state.

III. REMEDIAL EDUCATION COURSE(S)

In addition to any continuing education requirements the Board may require for licensure renewal, Petitioner SHALL successfully complete the following remedial education course(s) within one (1) year of relicensure, unless otherwise specifically indicated:

- A. A Board-approved course in Texas nursing jurisprudence and ethics that shall be a minimum of six (6) hours in length. The course's content shall include the Nursing Practice Act, standards of practice, documentation of care, principles of nursing ethics, confidentiality, professional boundaries, and the Board's Disciplinary Sanction Policies regarding: Sexual Misconduct; Fraud, Theft and Deception; Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder; and Lying and Falsification. Courses focusing on malpractice issues will not be accepted. Home study courses and video programs will not be approved.
- B. The course <u>"Sharpening Critical Thinking Skills,"</u> a 3.6 contact hour online program provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) Learning Extension.

In order to receive credit for completion of this/these course(s), Petitioner SHALL CAUSE the instructor to submit a Verification of Course Completion form or SHALL submit the continuing education certificate, as applicable, to the attention of Monitoring at the Board's office. Petitioner SHALL first obtain Board approval of any course prior to enrollment if the course is <u>not</u> being offered by a pre-approved provider. Information about Board-approved courses and Verification of Course Completion forms are available from the Board at <u>www.bon.texas.gov/compliance</u>.

IV. RESTORATION OF UNENCUMBERED LICENSE(S)

Upon full compliance with the terms of this Order, all encumbrances will be removed from PETITIONER'S license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas and, subject to meeting all existing eligibility requirements in Texas Occupations Code Chapter 304, Article III, PETITIONER may be eligible for nurse licensure compact privileges, if any.

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PETITIONER'S CERTIFICATION

I understand that I have the right to legal counsel prior to signing this Reinstatement Agreed Order. I waive representation by counsel. I certify that my past behavior, except as disclosed in my Petition for Reinstatement of Licensure, has been in conformity with the Board's professional character rule. I have provided the Board with complete and accurate documentation of my past behavior in violation of the penal law of any jurisdiction which was disposed of through any procedure short of convictions, such as: conditional discharge, deferred adjudication or dismissal. I have no criminal prosecution pending in any jurisdiction.

I have reviewed this Order. By my signature on this Order, I agree to the Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, Order, and any conditions of said Order. I waive judicial review of this Order. I understand that this Order is subject to ratification by the Board. When this Order is ratified, the terms of this Order become effective, and a copy will be mailed to me. I agree to inform the Board of any other fact or event that could constitute a ground for denial of licensure prior to reinstating my license(s) to practice nursing in the state of Texas. I understand that if I fail to comply with all terms and conditions of this Order, my license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas will be revoked, as a consequence of my noncompliance.

Signed this 13 day of

AMANDA RUTH BULLARD, Petitioner

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 13 day of December, 2017

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Notary Public, State of Texas
Comm. Expires 08-09-2020
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WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, the Texas Board of Nursing does hereby ratify and adopt the Reinstatement Agreed Order that was signed on the <u>13th</u> day of <u>December</u>, 20 17, by AMANDA RUTH BULLARD, Registered Nurse License Number 773951, and said Order is final.

Effective this 18th day of January, 2018.

Katherine A. Thomas, MN, RN, FAAN

Executive Director on behalf

of said Board

IN THE MATTER OF PERMANENT
PERMANENT REGISTERED NURSE
LICENSE NUMBER 773951
ISSUED TO AMANDA RUTH BULLARD
RESPONDENT

BEFORE THE TEXAS

BOARD OF NURSING

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DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

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ORDER OF THE BOARD

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TO:

AMANDA RUTH BULLARD 9407 WESTHEIMER BLVD #123A

HOUSTON, TX 77063

During open meeting held in Austin, Texas, on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, the Texas Board of Nursing Eligibility and Disciplinary Committee (hereinafter "Committee") heard the above-styled case, based on the failure of the Respondent to appear as required by 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that notice of the facts or conduct alleged to warrant disciplinary action has been provided to Respondent in accordance with Texas Government Code § 2001.054(c) and Respondent has been given an opportunity to show compliance with all the requirements of the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301 of the Texas Occupations Code, for retention of Respondent's license(s) to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

The Committee finds that the Formal Charges were properly initiated and filed in accordance with section 301.458, Texas Occupations Code.

The Committee finds that after proper and timely Notice regarding the violations alleged in the Formal Charges was given to Respondent in this matter, Respondent has failed to appear in accordance with 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE Ch. 213.

The Committee finds that the Board is authorized to enter a default order pursuant to Texas Government Code § 2001.056.

The Committee, after review and due consideration, adopts the proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law as stated in the Formal Charges which are attached hereto and incorporated by reference for all purposes and the Staff's recommended sanction of revocation by default. This Order will be properly served on all parties and all parties will be given an opportunity to file a motion for

Order.

All proposed findings of fact and conclusions of law filed by any party not specifically

rehearing [22 TEX. ADMIN.CODE § 213.16(j)]. All parties have a right to judicial review of this

adopted herein are hereby denied.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 773951, previously issued to AMANDA RUTH BULLARD, to practice nursing in the State of Texas be, and the same is/are hereby, REVOKED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Order SHALL be applicable to Respondent's nurse licensure compact privileges, if any, to practice nursing in the State of Texas.

Entered this 8th day of September, 2015.

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

Attachment:

Formal Charge filed July 15, 2015.

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Re: Permanent Registered Nurse License Number 773951 Issued to AMANDA RUTH BULLARD DEFAULT ORDER - REVOKE

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____ September___, 2015, a true and correct copy of the foregoing DEFAULT ORDER was served and addressed to the following person(s), as follows:

Via USPS Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested
AMANDA RUTH BULLARD
9407 WESTHEIMER BLVD #123A
HOUSTON, TX 77063

BY:

KATHERINE A. THOMAS, MN, RN, FAAN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ON BEHALF OF SAID BOARD

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Respondent	8	ROARD OF NURSING

FORMAL CHARGES

This is a disciplinary proceeding under Section 301.452(b), Texas Occupations Code. Respondent, AMANDA RUTH BULLARD, is a Registered Nurse holding License Number 773951 which is in current status at the time of this pleading.

Written notice of the facts and conduct alleged to warrant adverse licensure action was sent to Respondent at Respondent's address of record and Respondent was given opportunity to show compliance with all requirements of the law for retention of the license prior to commencement of this proceeding.

CHARGE I.

On or about December 28, 2014, Respondent submitted a Texas Online Renewal Document Registered Nurse to the Texas Board of Nursing in which she provided false, deceptive, and/or misleading information, in that she answered "No" to the question:

"Have you, within the past 24 months or since your last renewal, for any criminal offense, including those pending appeal:

- A. been convicted of a misdemeanor?
- B. been convicted of a felony?
- C. pled nolo contendere, no contest, or guilty?
- D. received deferred adjudication?
- E. been placed on community supervision or court-ordered probation, whether or not adjudicated guilty?
- F. been sentenced to serve jail or prison time? court-ordered confinement?
- G. been granted pre-trial diversion?
- H. been arrested or have any pending criminal charges?
- I. been <u>cited</u> or charged with any violation of the law?
- J. been subject of a court-martial; Article 15 violation; or received any form of military judgment/punishment/action?"

Respondent failed to disclose that on or about March 19, 2014, Respondent entered a plea of Guilty and was convicted of DWI 1ST OFFENDER BAC.08, a Class B misdemeanor offense committed on May 21, 2013, in the County Criminal Court at Law No. 10 of Harris County, Texas, under Cause No. 189715101010. As a result of the conviction, Respondent was sentenced to confinement in the Harris County Jail for a period of one hundred eighty (180) days; however, imposition of the sentence of confinement was suspended, and Respondent was placed on probation for a period of one (1) year, and ordered to pay a fine and court costs.

The above action constitutes grounds for disciplinary action in accordance with Section 301.452(b)(2)&(10), Texas Occupations Code, and is a violation of 22 Tex. ADMIN. CODE §217.12(6)(I)&(13).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that staff will present evidence in support of the recommended disposition of up to, and including, revocation of Respondent's license/s to practice nursing in the State of Texas pursuant to the Nursing Practice Act, Chapter 301, Texas Occupations Code and the Board's rules, 22 Tex. Admin. Code §§ 213.27 - 213.33 and Tex. Occ. Code Ch. 53. Additionally, staff will seek to impose on Respondent the administrative costs of the proceeding pursuant to Section 301.461, Texas Occupations Code. The cost of proceedings shall include, but is not limited to, the cost paid by the Board to the State Office of Administrative Hearings and the Office of the Attorney General or other Board counsel for legal and investigative services, the cost of a court reporter and witnesses, reproduction of records, Board staff time, travel, and expenses. These shall be in an amount of at least one thousand two hundred dollars (\$1200.00).

NOTICE IS GIVEN that all statutes and rules cited in these Charges are incorporated as part of this pleading and can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

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NOTICE IS GIVEN that to the extent applicable, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on Adopted Disciplinary Guidelines for Criminal Conduct and on Adopted Disciplinary Sanction Policies for Nurses with Substance Abuse, Misuse, Substance Dependency, or other Substance Use Disorder, for Lying and Falsification, for, which can be found at the Board's website, www.bon.texas.gov.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that, based on the Formal Charges, the Board will rely on the Disciplinary Matrix, which can be found at www.bon.texas.gov/disciplinaryaction/discp-matrix.html.

Filed this 15th day of July, 20 15

TEXAS BOARD OF NURSING

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